



Planning and Project Implementation Update



July 2004

ABOUT THIS UPDATE

The purpose of the Chippewa Quarterly is to provide a summary of environmental analyses on the Chippewa National Forest. Issued quarterly, this is intended to complement other public involvement efforts initiated by the Forest Supervisor or District Rangers. Legal notices will continue to be published in the following local newspapers: Bemidji's *The Pioneer* for Forest Supervisor decisions; and Blackduck's *American*, Cass Lake's *Times*, Deer River's *Western Itasca Review*, and Walker's *The Pilot-Independent* for District Ranger decisions.

Projects are classified into one of three categories:

Environmental Analyses in Progress

This category includes projects in which public input is being or is about to be solicited. It also includes those projects that are currently under study or analysis. Environmental analyses include Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), Environmental Assessments (EA), and Categorical Exclusions (CE).

Completed Decision Documents

These projects have culminated in the preparation of completed environmental analyses and decision documents since the last issue. These decision documents include Records of Decision (ROD), Decision Notices (DN), and Decision Memos (DM). Findings of No Significant Impacts will be included in this category, also.

Proposals withdrawn or deferred

Some projects are initiated and published in this Quarterly but may be withdrawn or deferred for various reasons. These projects may or may not be picked up for completion at a later date. Project summaries include reasons for discontinuing the project.

HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED

Read through the list of proposed projects. If you want to provide site-specific comments on a project, get more information, or be placed on the project mailing list, write or call the contact person listed for that project. We value your site-specific involvement. A generic statement of interest in all projects is not specific enough. It is only through site-specific input that we can be responsive to and incorporate your concerns into project development. Project specific comments are required during the 30-day Notice and Comment period to obtain standing to appeal a project.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Appeal Period - The 45-day period after publication of a decision in which an appeal can be filed.

Categorical Exclusion (CE) - A category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Comment Period - The time allowed for interested persons to provide comments to a Responsible Official on a proposed action.

Decision Memo (DM) - A concise written record of the responsible official's decision to implement an action that has been categorically excluded from documentation.

Decision Notice (DN) - A concise written record of the responsible official's decision based on an environmental assessment and a finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment (EA) - A document that presents issues and concerns important to a project, alternate means of accomplishing a project, and environmental effects of each of those alternatives.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) - This document is required for proposed actions that may have significant effects on the human environment. The contents are similar to an environmental assessment, and it includes some additional sections.

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) - A document prepared by a federal agency presenting the reasons why an action, not otherwise excluded, will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The procedural guide for the decision making process for site-specific projects.

Proposed Action - A proposal made by the Forest Service to authorize, recommend, or implement an action on National Forest System lands to meet a specific purpose and need which is subject to public notice comment provisions.

Scoping - Includes internal and public involvement to determine the range of issues to be addressed. Scoping aids in the development of alternatives for a proposed action.

Significance - As used in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), requires consideration of both context and intensity.

Anticipated "Walk-in" Business

Requests from the public occasionally necessitate analyses be completed with a short turn-around. This may mean that decisions are made without prior announcement in this Update. As these projects come up for consideration however, they will continue to be announced by legal notices in newspapers. Examples of walk-in requests include special use roads and utility rights-of-way. Scoping efforts for these requests will be conducted as applicable.

Forest Policy on Distributing Documents

Draft and Final Environmental Assessments and Decision Notices/FONSI's and Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements and Records of Decision are routinely mailed to individuals who submit written comments to any projects. We do not routinely distribute biological assessments or biological evaluations with the previously listed documents. If you wish to receive biological evaluations or biological assessments for NEPA projects, please contact the district and/or Supervisor's Office NEPA Coordinators.

Privacy on Comments Received

Comments received in response to solicitation as part of the NEPA process, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on a proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within stated number of days.



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01-JUL-04 to 30-SEP-04

SOPA: Chippewa National Forest

This report contains the best available information at the time the data was published. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Projects Occurring on more than one District					
Bridge Replacements EA	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping start 04/15/2003 Estimated 215 comment 11/01/2004	Exptd:01/01/2005	07/01/2005	William Yourd 218-335-8672 wyourd@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replacement of 7 bridges across the forest				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District, Walker Ranger District, Deer River Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. LEGAL- Mitt Lake Ck- T150N R27W Sec 21; Wagner Ck - T149N R28W Sec 12; Crane Ck- T147N R29W Sec 1; Swamp Ck-T148N R30W Sec 32; Laura Lake Ck -T141N, R27W, Sec. 25; Two Mile Ck- T147N R26W Sec 30; Long Lake. Blackduck- Mitt Lake, Wagner , Crane , Swamp Creeks; Walker - -Laura Lake Creek ; Deer River - Two Mile Ck, Long Lake Ck (T143N R25W Sec 3), Batson Lake Inlet (T60N R26W Sec 26).				
Enbridge Pipeline Maintenance DM	- Special use management	Completed	Actual:02/05/2004	03/01/2004	Gregory Smith 218 335-8661 gdsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Maintenance of pipeline that crosses Walker and Deer River district.				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District, Deer River Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass, Itasca. Along pipeline on Walker and Deer River districts.				
Great Lakes Pipeline Maintenance DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 03/26/2003	Exptd:07/01/2004	08/01/2004	Gregory Smith 218 335-8661 gdsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Maintenance of pipeline that runs across Walker and Deer River Districts.				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District, Deer River Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass, Itasca. Portions of pipeline across Walker and Deer River districts.				



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Chippewa National Forest Units		Chippewa National Forest		R9 - Eastern Region	
Chippewa Forest Plan Revision EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS notice in FR 05/09/2003 Est. availability of FEIS 07/01/2004	Exptd:06/01/2004	10/01/2004	Brenda Halter-Glenn 218-335-8651 bhalterglenn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Changes in land conditions and public demands, the results of monitoring and evaluation of Forest Plan implementation, changes in national guidance, and new scientific information all indicate a need to revise the Forest Plan.				
	Location: UNIT- Chippewa National Forest Units. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. Chippewa National Forest, Cass Lake, MN.				
Reservoir Operating Plan Evaluation (ROPE) Study EIS	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Recreation management	In Progress: NOI in FR 12/12/2003 Estimated Scoping start 06/01/2004	Exptd:12/01/2006	06/01/2007	Nancy Salminen 218-335-8666 nsalminen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Operation of Federal dams and coordination with operators of non-Federal dams in the headwaters of the Mississippi River area between Bemidji and St. Paul				
	Location: UNIT- Chippewa National Forest Units. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. Upper Mississippi River between Bemidji and St. Paul.				



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Blackduck Ranger District		Chippewa National Forest		R9 - Eastern Region	
Ardenhurst Township Road Easements DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 11/01/2003	Exptd:07/01/2004	08/01/2004	Charles Wingard 218-835-3116 cwingard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grant easements to the township for existing township roads that cross NFS lands in Ardenhurst Township.				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Itasca. LEGAL- T150N R28W. Ardenhurst Township around Island Lake.				
Beltrami Electric Underground Lines - Chinaman DM	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	10/01/2004	Charles Wingard 218-835-3116 cwingard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Moving existing underground electric line from within the roads to within the ditches.				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Beltrami. LEGAL- T148N R30W Sec. 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 16. North of Chinaman Lake along FR 2207, 2208, and 2414.				
Beltrami Electric Underground Lines - Sugarbush DM	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	10/01/2004	Charles Wingard 218-835-3116 cwingard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installing a new electrical underground tie line in the ditch along FR 2177.				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Beltrami. LEGAL- T147N R31W Sec. 22. Along FR 2177, northeast of Big Lake .				
C-16 St. 14 Thinning DM	- Fuels management - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 04/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	10/01/2004	Lisa Arbucci-Schmid 218-835-3117 larbuccischmid@fs.fed.us
	Description: Thinning up to 70 acres of dense red pine under the Healthy Forest Initiative.				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. LEGAL- T145N R29W Sec. 5. West of Lake Winnebigoishish and south of the Big Fish Road.				
County Road 22 Reconstruction and Easement EA	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping start 12/10/2001	Exptd:08/01/2004	06/01/2005	Leo Johnson (218) 835-4291 ljohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reconstruction and paving of County Road 22, granting easements for the widening				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Beltrami. LEGAL- T148N R31W. Between the Scenic Highway and the Forest Boundary to the west.				



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Dunbar Lake Access EA	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:10/01/2004	06/01/2005	Jeff Allison 218 835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
	Description: Road reconstruction and construction of small parking lot. Coop. project with DNR.				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Itasca. LEGAL- T148N R28W Sec. 9. East side of Dunbar Lake off of County Road 32.				
Healthy Forest Fuels Treatment Project DM	- Fuels management	Completed	Actual:04/16/2004	05/01/2004	Leo Johnson (218) 835-4291 ljohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Fuels treatment consisting of prescribed burning, mechanical treatments, and burning slash piles.				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Beltrami, Cass, Itasca. Scattered across Blackduck district.				
Norway Beach Recreation Improvements DM	- Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	10/01/2004	Charles Wingard 218-835-3116 cwingard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Additions and improvements to sidewalks, showers, etc.				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Beltrami. LEGAL- T145N R30W Sec. 8 and 17. In the Norway Beach Recreation Area.				
Olson Road DM	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 04/01/2004	Exptd:07/01/2004	08/01/2004	Charles Wingard 218-835-3116 cwingard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Easement for a private access road (drive-way)				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Beltrami. LEGAL- T146N R31W Section 4. Southwest tip of Big Lake.				
Rambling Woods Resource Management EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management - Fuels management - Forest products	Completed	Actual:04/01/2004	06/01/2004	Leo Johnson (218) 835-4291 ljohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Timber sale, vegetation treatments, prescribed burning, roads, watershed, minor recreation projects				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Beltrami, Itasca. LEGAL- T146N R29,30,31W; T147N R29,30,31W; T148N R30,31W; T149N R30,31W. Between Blackduck and Kitchi Lake and from Forest Boundary on west to Kenogama Lake on east.				



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Scenic Highway Reconstruction (County Roads 10 and 39) EA	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping start 01/13/2004	Exptd:10/01/2004	06/01/2005	Leo Johnson (218) 835-4291 ljohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reconstruct the road with wider lanes, wider shoulders, gentler ditch slopes, wider clearings, and gentler curves.				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Beltrami, Cass. LEGAL- T149N R30W, T148N R30W, T147N R30W, T146N R30W. Between Blackduck and Highway 2 east of Cass Lake.				
Shallow Pond Boat Access EA	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Charles Wingard 218-835-3116 cwingard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct a small, native-surfaced boat landing and parking lot on Shallow Pond. On hold waiting for Heritage Resources Site Evaluation.				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Itasca. LEGAL- T149N R28W Section 5. North or south side of Shallow Pond along Highway 46.				
Stream Bank Stabilization and Aesthetics (Popple River) DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:11/01/2004		Jeff Allison 218 835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
	Description: Planting conifers and shrubs along streambanks to stabilize the soil, restore stream morphology, and minimize beaver impacts. Planting along FR 2231 for wetland protection and aesthetics. Plus associated TSI.				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Itasca. LEGAL- T149N R27W. Along the Popple River north of Nature's Lake.				
Stream Habitat Improvement (Third River) DM	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:10/01/2004	05/01/2005	Jeff Allison 218 835-3115 jmallison@fs.fed.us
	Description: Underplant conifers on islands in Third River flowage and associated TSI. Possible coop. with DNR.				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Itasca. LEGAL- T147N R28W. In the Third River Flowage north of Lake Winnebigoishish.				
Sugarbush Township Road Easements DM	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:12/01/2004	06/01/2005	Charles Wingard 218-835-3116 cwingard@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grant easements for existing township roads				
	Location: UNIT- Blackduck Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Beltrami. LEGAL- T147N R31W. Various locations in Sugarbush Township (around Big Lake).				



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Walker Ranger District		Chippewa National Forest		R9 - Eastern Region	
Cass County Land Exchange DM	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:08/01/2004	08/01/2004	Gregory Smith 218 335-8661 gdsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cass County has initiated a land exhcnge proposal for 160 acres.				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. LEGAL- T141N, R26W, Sections 9, 10, 11 and 13. Southeast corner of the Walker Ranger District.				
Conifer Thin EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	In Progress: Scoping start 03/29/2004 Estimated 215 comment 07/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	10/01/2004	Sharon Klinkhammer (218)335-8660 sklinkhammer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercial thinning in conifer stands across Walker District.				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. Scattered across Walker district.				
Forest Road 2862 DM	- Special use management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:08/01/2004	09/01/2004	James Tande 218-547-1044 x 126 jtande@fs.fed.us
	Description: Applicant has requested a temporary use permit for reconstruction and a special use permit to maintain a portion of FR 2862 in order to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. LEGAL- T141N, R28W, Section 7. Marshall Lake.				
Forest Road 2862 Special Use Permit DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 03/15/2004	Exptd:08/01/2004	09/01/2004	James Tande 218-547-1044 x 126 jtande@fs.fed.us
	Description: Applicant has requested a special use permit for reconstruction and right-of-way for a portion of FR 2862 to access private land.				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. LEGAL- T141N, R28W, Section 12. Southeast of Leech Lake.				
Forest Road 3767A DM	- Special use management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 09/01/2004	Exptd:10/01/2004	10/01/2004	James Tande 218-547-1044 x 126 jtande@fs.fed.us
	Description: Applicant has requested a temporary special use permit to reconstruct 1/2 mile of FR 3767A and a special use permit to construct 1000 feet of new road on NFS land.				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. LEGAL- T141N, R31W, Section 27. Gadbolt Lake.				



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Forest Road 3767A Special Use Permit DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 03/15/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	10/01/2004	James Tande 218-547-1044 x 126 jtande@fs.fed.us
	Description: Applicant has requested a special use permit for reconstruction and right-of-way on a portion of FR 2862 to access private land.				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. LEGAL- T141N, R31W, Section 27. Gadbolt Lake.				
Hwy 2 Turn and Bypass lanes DM	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 08/01/2004	Exptd:10/01/2004	05/01/2005	Gregory Smith 218 335-8661 gdsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: MN DOT is proposing to resurface Hwy 2 from Hwy371 to approximately 1.4 miles east of CSAH 10 in 2005. They propose to widen the road in certain areas to accommodate turn lands and bypass lanes.				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. T145N R30W Sec 15, 16, 18 and T145N R31W Dec 13, 14.				
Johnson Fiber Optic Telephone Lines DM	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 08/01/2004	Exptd:08/01/2004	09/01/2004	James Tande 218-547-1044 x 126 jtande@fs.fed.us
	Description: Applicant has applied for a special use permit to install and maintain fiber optic telephone lines along roadways at four locations on the Walker District.				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. LEGAL- T141N, R26W, Sections 14, 22, 23, 27, and 34; T142N, R27W, Sections 21, 22, and 27; T143N, R25W, Sections 20, 29, 32 and 33; T142N, R25W, Section 4; T143N, R30W, Sections 11, 12, and 14.. Four separate locations on the Walker Ranger District..				
Leech Lake River Resource Management EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: Decision (DN) legal notice 06/17/2004	Exptd:05/01/2004 Actual: 06/16/2004	09/01/2004	Christine Brunner 218-547-1044 cbrunner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Timber harvest, prescribed burning, underplanting, and road decommissioning. Weblink: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/chippewa/plan/nepa/eas				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. LEGAL- T142N, R26-27W and T143-145N, R26-28W. East of Leech Lake in Cass County.				



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Sale of Surplus Facilities EA	- Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 08/01/2004	Exptd:10/01/2004	05/01/2005	Gregory Smith 218 335-8661 gdsmith@fs.fed.us
	Description: Sale of four surplus properties: former Cass Lake Ranger Station; former ranger house in Walker; storm pond in Walker; and west branch storage area in Walker				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. LEGAL- T145N R31W Sec 23; two facilities in T142 N R31W Sec 23; T142N R31W Sec 21. Cass Lake and Walker.				
Various Lands Special Use Permits DM	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 08/01/2004	Exptd:10/01/2004	10/01/2004	James Tande 218-547-1044 x 126 jtande@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issuance of expired special use permits				
	Location: UNIT- Walker Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass. Various locations on the Walker Ranger District.				



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Deer River Ranger District		Chippewa National Forest		R9 - Eastern Region	
Benham Road Access DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Estimated Scoping start 11/01/2003	Exptd:08/01/2004	09/01/2004	Jane Munnell jmunnell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Request for Special Use Road Permit to access private land.				
	Location: UNIT- Deer River Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Itasca. LEGAL- T148N R26W Sec 23 SWNW. T148N R26W Sec 23 SWNW.				
Eagle Nest Road EA	- Road management	In Progress: Estimated Scoping start 03/26/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	11/01/2004	Michael Martin 218-335-8633 mikemartin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project includes realignments, reconstructing bridges, and adding bituminous surface to Eagle Nest Road. Includes rehabilitation of East and West Seelye Campgrounds adjacent to road.				
	Location: UNIT- Deer River Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Itasca. LEGAL- T147N R27W Secs 14, 15, 21, 22, & 28. Eagle Nest Road extending from Hwy 46 to South Deer Lake Campground.				
Hanuska Road Access DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 11/30/2003	Exptd:08/01/2004	09/01/2004	Jane Munnell jmunnell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Request for Special Use Permit to access private land.				
	Location: UNIT- Deer River Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Itasca. LEGAL- T141N R25W Sec 27 SESE. FR 2082A.				
Marcell and McDonald Lake Gravel Pits Expansion EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Estimated Scoping start 06/24/2004	Exptd:12/01/2004	02/01/2005	Michael Jimenez (218) 246-2123 mjimenez@fs.fed.us
	Description: Evaluate proposed expansion of Marcell and McDonald Lake Gravel Pits.				
	Location: UNIT- Deer River Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Itasca. LEGAL- T59N R26W Sec 20 NWNE, T58N R27W Sec 35 NWNE. South of town of Marcell and south of the community of Soumi near McDonald Lake.				
Merle Garage - Little Cut Foot DM	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Estimated Scoping start 03/01/2004 Est. Scoping start 04/01/2004	Exptd:08/01/2004	08/01/2004	Jane Munnell jmunnell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Request for construction of Recreation Residence				
	Location: UNIT- Deer River Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Itasca. LEGAL- T147N R26W Sec 36. Little Cut Foot Sioux Lake.				



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Mississippi River Vegetation Management Project EA	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress: Estimated Scoping start 06/30/2004 Estimated Scoping start 07/01/2004	Exptd:02/01/2005	04/01/2005	Michael Jimenez (218) 246-2123 mjimenez@fs.fed.us
	Description: Evaluates the options related to vegetative and fuels management in the northwestern portion of the Mississippi Watershed on the Marcell/Deer River Ranger District.				
	Location: UNIT- Deer River Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass, Itasca. LEGAL- T144N R26W, T144N R27W, T145N R144W, & T145N R27W. Northwest portion of the Mississippi Watershed on the Marcell/Deer River Ranger District.				
Private Road Access to Bowstring Lake Property DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Estimated Scoping start 02/02/2004 Est. Scoping start 04/01/2004	Exptd:07/01/2004	08/01/2004	Gregg Alle (218) 832-3161 galle@fs.fed.us
	Description: Applicant has requested special use permit for a road crossing NF lands to access private land				
	Location: UNIT- Deer River Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Itasca. LEGAL- T147N R26W Sec 2 SWSW and Sec 11NWNW. Bowstring Lake.				
Re-issuance of Various Lands Special Use Permits DM	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 02/01/2004	Exptd:08/01/2004	09/01/2004	Jane Munnell jmunnell@fs.fed.us
	Description: Evaluate the renewal of Special Use Permits near expiration.				
	Location: UNIT- Deer River Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Cass, Itasca. Marcell/Deer River Ranger District.				
Steward Land Exchange DM	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Estimated Scoping start 06/24/2004	Exptd:12/01/2004	01/01/2005	Michael Jimenez (218) 246-2123 mjimenez@fs.fed.us
	Description: Exchange of 40 acre parcel of NF land for a 40 acre tract of private land.				
	Location: UNIT- Deer River Ranger District. STATE- Minnesota. COUNTY- Itasca. LEGAL- T148N R26W Sec 27 SWNW, T147N R26W Sec 26 NENE. Sand Lake Vicinity.				

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Forest Plan Revision to Culminate in 2004

July 2004

Forest Plan revision on the Chippewa and Superior National Forests will result in two separate revised Forest Plans. The Final EIS, decision document, and final revised Forest Plans are planned for release in August 2004. The Forest Plans will guide management direction for the next ten to 15 years.

For more information:

Specific questions concerning revision may be directed to:

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Documents and other Forest Plan Revision information is available at:

www.fs.fed.us/r9/chippewa.

As you noticed, our *NEPA Quarterly* has a different look. This is because the Forest Service is developing a national database to track key planning information that automatically generates the Schedule of Proposed Activities (SOPA) in a consistent manner. The following is an interim part of that effort. Work will continue on this effort throughout the summer and into the fall to improve the look and organization of the SOPA. We ultimately hope to have a final product and public access to the database in the late fall/winter.

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